

LAC+USC MEDICAL CENTER

VISA INFORMATION FOR RESIDENT PHYSICIANS (GY1-GY7)

J-1 VISAS FOR PHYSICIANS IN A USC/LAC+USC MC SPONSORED TRAINING PROGRAM (WHETHER PAID BY THE COUNTY OR PAID BY KECK/USC):

When accepted to one of the USC/LAC+USC MC sponsored training programs, the LAC+USC Medical Center will sponsor resident physicians who are on the J-1 Visa—either for the initial application or continuing application for promotions. All J-1 visas for resident physicians, whether paid by the County of Los Angeles or paid through Keck/USC will be processed by the LAC+USC MC TPL, Yolie Morgan, in the GME Office.

It is the resident's responsibility to have a valid visa and work authorization upon inception of training and to continue training. Please review the ECFMG's Website www.ecfm.org where detailed information regarding the initial/continuing application may be accessed.

Visa holders must pay their own ECFMG/OASIS fees. Submission of documents for the J-1 visa must be submitted with coordination of the TPL (Yolie Morgan, GME Office) for processing through ECFMG no later than 6 to 8 weeks prior to the beginning of training. Processing can be started as early as January and should be completed no later than mid-April in order to have a valid visa.

A valid J-1 visa and work authorization is required before any resident will be allowed to start training or to be promoted at this Medical Center. Failure to have a valid visa will result in suspension of employment without pay (which extends training) and/or termination from the residency program.

RESIDENTS PERFORMING REQUIRED RESEARCH: Any Resident physician who is in a core training program who is required to perform research as part of the program who needs a J-1 visa extension must process documents through Yolie Morgan, GME Office. Failure to do so, in a timely manner, may cause a delay in the approval process causing the resident denial of the visa extension and to return to his/her home country.

- Questions regarding J-1 visa processing can be E-mailed to: Yolie Morgan ymorgan@usc.edu or telephone: 323.409.6931

INFORMATION REGARDING OTHER VISAS:

- **H-1B VISAS:** The LAC+USC Medical Center does not sponsor any requests for H-1B Visas.
- **O-1 VISAS:** Postgraduate training physicians are not eligible to be placed on an O-1 Visa.
- **TN VISAS:** Are not acceptable, as the resident physician cannot have any clinical duty.
- **OTHER VISAS (such as the F-1):** The F-1 (OPT) "Employment Authorization Card" is an acceptable work authorization document under the employment eligibility guidelines for acceptance to a postgraduate position at the LAC+USC Medical Center. However, to continue employment with the County of Los Angeles, you must have employment eligibility status at all times. Therefore, on or before expiration of your current employment authorization, you must present renewed employment authorization documentation to the Office of Human Resources in order to continue employment. Normally, physicians transfer to the J-1 within their first year of training.

- Questions regarding the F-1 (not answered above) or any other type of visa or work authorization should be addressed to:

Yolanda Youseff

Human Resources, Second Floor

5555 Ferguson Drive

City of Industry, CA

Phone number: 323.869.8941

E-mail: yyouseff@dhs.lacounty.gov

KECK/USC VISA POLICY:

- **J-1 VISAS for non-standard ACGME fellows** must be processed through the TPL at the Keck School of Medicine who is: Ms. Melinda Ballengee, telephone number: (213) 740-5248.
- **H-1B VISAS:** Are **not** sponsored by Keck/USC.
- **O-VISAS:** Postgraduate training physicians are **not** eligible to be placed on an O-1 Visa.
- **TN VISAS:** Are **not** acceptable, as the physician cannot have any clinical duty.

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